Sl. No.	Town	State No.	State	Approved Cost
140.	Varindavan		Uttar Pradesh	621.92
141.	Yamunagar		Haryana	2618.63
	Sub Total			**49645.35**
	TOTAL (22 rivers)			**187191.60**
	CETP, Calcutta			**6500.00**
	ESTT. & R&D			**7648.00**
	OVER ALL TOTAL			**201339.60**

Villages declared as forest areas in South Delhi

3685. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued notifications during the last five years declaring many villages in South Delhi as Forest Areas;

(b) if so, what are the names of such villages;

(c) whether the left over villages which are not declared forest areas are allowed to be developed for farm houses; and

(d) if so, what are the names of such villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have not declared any villages as Forest Areas. However the surplus Gaon-Sabha land of some villages in South Delhi have been notified as Reserve Forest Areas vide Notification No. FI(29)PA/DC/95 dated 2.4.1996 by the Department of Revenue, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. These villages are Nebsarai, Chattarpur, Maidangarhi, Dera Mandi, Asola, Pulpehlad, Devli, Rangpuri, Ayanagar, Rajokari, Bhatti, Ghitorni, Saidulazab and Jaunapur.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Environmental Clearance for Orissa Mines

3686. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of mine workers are out of job because

many mines in Orissa are closed due to lakh of environment and forest clearance; and

(b) whether Government would consider to give necessary clearance at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Out of ninety nine proposal received from the Government of Orissa under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, seventy four proposals have been accorded forestry clearance, fourteen cases including ten proposals relating to renewal of mining lease have been rejected on merits and in respect of five proposals information is awaited from the Government of Orissa.

Out of sixteen proposals received for environmental clearance under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 1994, nine have been accorded environmental clearance and three have been closed for non-furnishing of information by the project authorities. No proposal relating to renewal of mining lease has been rejected from the environmental angle.

Six proposals for forestry clearance and four proposals for environmental clearance are under process. Decision on the proposals is taken within ninety days from the date of receipt of complete information.

Decrease in Bamboo Forests

3687. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that forests and stock of bamboos in the country are going down alarmingly, particularly in Maharashtra, for the last eight years;

(b) whether any financial incentives have been offered to Maharashtra to revive their bamboo forests; and

(c) if so, the details thereof year-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Forest Survey of India assesses the forest cover of the country biennially using satellite data and publishes as State of Forest Report. According to six assessments published so far, forest cover of the country has declined from 19.49% to 19.27% during the period 1981—83 to 1993—95. As per latest State of Forest Report published by Forest Survey of India, forest cover in Maharashtra has increased